

***PEST ALERT!***

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## **Green Fountain Grass Added to Nevada's Noxious Weed List**

**The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) recently added four plant species to the state's noxious weed list.** Green fountain grass, an ornamental grass widely used in landscapes, was added to the state's "bad plant list" due to evidence that the plant is escaping landscape plantings and becoming a troublesome, hard to control weed in southern Nevada.

**As a result of this listing, Green Fountain Grass, *Pennisetum setaceum*, can no longer be sold in Nevada.** Cultivated varieties of green fountain grass, such as 'Rubrum', 'Cupreum', 'Atrosanguineum', 'Eaton Canyon', 'Rubrum Dwarf', 'Cupreum Compactum', are not included in the prohibition and can still be sold.

**NDA nursery inspectors will now require that green fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*) offered for sale is removed from sale and either destroyed or returned to suppliers.**

Besides green fountain grass the State Department of Agriculture also added the following plants to the noxious weed list: Syrian bean caper (*Zygophyllum fabago*); giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*), an aquatic weed; and Malta star thistle (*Centaurea melitensis*).

**For more information about these weeds** or about Nevada's noxious weed list please call NDA Invasive Plant specialist Dawn Rafferty, 775.688.1182 X 169.

**For information about selling green fountain grass in Nevada, call:**

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